

# Spectacular Rockies and Glaciers of Alberta with Rocky Mountaineer Option

Discover Jasper and Banff National Parks, and sleep in a glacial view hotel. Cruise across Maligne Lake and take a forest walk with a First Nations Cree Iroquois Guide.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AGVL

## DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your  
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### DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BANFF

Your stay at a historic mountain resort in Banff awaits. After your arrival at Calgary Airport, if you have purchased an airport transfer, your driver will transport you to the hotel. Built in the distinctive Canadian Château style, it is one of the earliest examples of the country's grand railway hotels. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner. (D)

**Hotel:** Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

**WELCOME:** Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

### DAY 2 | EXPLORING BANFF

Connect with nature as you join a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert. Discover First Nations culture, such as how plants and animals like bears hold great significance, over a guided walk in the Boreal Forest. This afternoon, choose to discover the history and culture of the Rocky Mountains of Canada at the Whyte Museum or learn about the history of the Fairmont Banff Springs from knowledgeable ambassadors. (B)

### DAY 3 | A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE

The Three Sisters Peak or Mt Assiniboine will impress on this morning's optional helicopter flights (weather dependent). Make your way to Moraine Lake (seasonal) — the largest glacially fed lake in Canada — for a photo stop before a decadent lunch at Chateau Lake Louise. Marvel as you're surrounded by soaring peaks and the majesty of the Victoria glacier. Capture a photo or two of the turquoise Lake Louise and rugged backdrop of one of the most famous mountain vistas in the world before returning to Banff and enjoying the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, opt for a scenic end to your day by taking Banff Gondola ride. (B) (L) (RS)

### DAY 4 | LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS

Glaciers, waterfalls, and peaks are revealed on this morning's visit to Yoho National Park. Your journey includes photo opportunities at Emerald Lake (seasonal) before taking the Icefields Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives on the planet. Admire the dramatic scenery of the Rockies with plenty of photo opportunities. A warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort over a Champagne reception and nibbles. Before dinner, take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for an after-hours visit to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley featuring waterfalls and wildlife. After your Skywalk visit, indulge in a delicious, Canadian inspired, locally sourced dinner, sip cocktails and marvel at the spectacular glacier views that wrap the restaurant. (B) (D)

**Hotel:** Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park

**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

**RELAXED STARTS:** (RS)

**HOTELS:** On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

**DAY 5 | GLACIER ADVENTURE**

Before other travellers arrive, venture onto the Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer for your special, before-hours visit. Join your Local Expert and walk on the frozen flow of ice. Discover the beauty and immensity of the glacier as you learn about the history and geology of the region. Continue along the magnificent Icefields Parkway further into Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, colourful meadows and majestic mountains. **(B) (RS)**

**Hotel: Forest Park Hotel, Jasper National Park**



*Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. You will have the chance to visit a few of the most significant ones.*

**ARSEN, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.**

**DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER**

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or join the fun and experience an optional easy rafting, scenic float trip down the Athabasca River, a designated Canadian Heritage River. A National Park licensed guide will provide commentary on the human and natural history of Jasper whilst navigating you along the same route used by the "fur traders" over 2 centuries ago. Don't worry, the guides do all the rowing; you sit back and enjoy whilst exploring all the spectacular scenery. There is always a chance of seeing various wildlife including elk, deer, moose, coyotes, wolves, eagles, ospreys, mountain sheep and bears. Later, join your Travel Director on an informative walk on Maligne Canyon,

the deepest gorge in Jasper National Park. As you cruise across the crystal waters of magical Maligne Lake (seasonal), fed by the glaciers of Jasper National Park and glide past the jagged mountain peaks, you'll discover why it's been declared the "Best Boat Cruise in Canada." **(B) (RS)**

**DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO KANANASKIS**

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive down to Kananaskis, often kept as a secret mountain sanctuary for locals, away from the masses that visit neighbouring Banff National Park. Enjoy the late afternoon to yourself to discover the local trails surrounding your upscale hotel nestled in the wilderness, or head to the Nordic Spa located steps away from the lodge. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a festive dinner and toast to your wonderful trip in the Canadian Rockies. **(B) (D)**

**Hotel: Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection**

**DAY 8 | FAREWELL CANADA**

After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

**Rocky Mountaineer Option**

Customise your vacation by adding a five-day Rocky Mountaineer post-extension.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

**Banff | Insight Choice** Discover history and culture at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, or learn about the history of Fairmont Banff Springs, highlights and stories that took place around the iconic hotel.

**Moraine Lake |** Enjoy a scenic stop at a glacier-fed lake.

**Icefields Parkway |** Enjoy an after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway rising 918 ft (280 metres) above the valley. See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.

Enjoy a before-hours visit onto the Athabasca Glacier.

**Maligne Canyon |** Walk on the trails of the deepest canyon in Jasper National Park.

**Jasper |** Relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene Maligne Lake.

**Banff |** Join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert and take a walk in the Boreal forest. Learn how their ancestors survived off the land and used the plants as medicines. Listen to amazing stories about First Nations culture and their relationship with local nature and wildlife. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**  
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

**Banff |** Enjoy dinner at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

**Icefields Parkway |** Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your tastebuds.

**Kananaskis |** Dine on fresh, regional ingredients at Kananaskis Mountain Lodge.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

